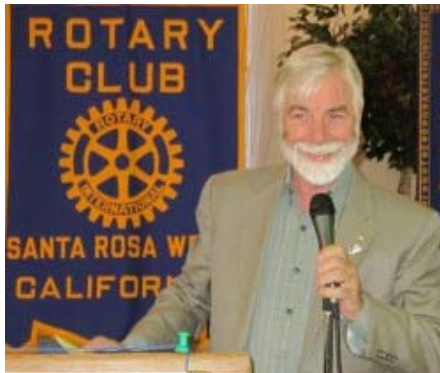


Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for August 9, 2010 District Governor Jim Flamson visits Santa Rosa West

By Fred Zmarzly

Preliminaries



President Bill Dodson opened the meeting promptly at 12:30 PM. **President Bill** looked quite fashionable in his coat and tie, dressed a little more formally for this special Rotary Club meeting.

The Pledge was given by **Sylvia Neumann**.

The Rotary Moment was given by **Chuck Stark**, who read the Avowal poem:

*As swimmers dare
to lie face to the sky
and water bears them,
as hawks rest upon air
and air sustains them,
so I would learn to attain
freefall, and float
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,
knowing no effort earns
that all-surrounding grace.*

The Visiting Rotarians attending our club meeting:

Dave Lorenzen, the Sunrise Club;

Chuck Bartley, the Downtown Club, introduced by his nephew **Scott**;

Kathy Flamson, wife of the DG, from the Calistoga Club

Guest's of Rotarians:

Brad Leslie introduced his brother **Justin**

President Bill introduced his wife and First Lady of our Club **Toodie**

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Coming Up:

8/16 - Ben Stone, Executive Director, Sonoma County Economic Development Board

8/18 - SRWR Board Meeting @ Italian Affair

8/23 - Jonathan Coe, President/CEO, SR Chamber of Commerce

8/30 - TBA

9/6 - Labor Day (Dark)

9/13 - Matthew Kerns, Interim Artistic Director & Educ. Coordinator, 6th Street Playhouse

9/20 - Rod Dole, So. Co. Treasurer, Earthquake Retrofit Program and other updates

9/27 - John Stewart

President Elect Janet Coddling introduced her guest **Nick Lawrence**
Joe Perez introduced his son **Adam**



Visiting Rotarian Chuck with nephew Scott



Adam Perez

Duties

Cashier: **Bob Zeni**

Set-Up: **Tarina Hall**

Greeter: **Harry Rubins**

Tickets: **John Hathaway**

Moment: **Chuck Stark**

Photos: **Jim Valinoti**

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Programs: **David McDonald**



Moment by Chuck



Introductions by Harry

Announcements and such...

Jeff Ray announced the Golf Tournament and BBQ will be held on August 13, starting at 1 PM. Golf will be at the Bennet Valley Golf Course while the BBQ will be at Gavin Park.

Matt Delaney informed the club members that 2 International trips are planned: Ecuador in September, and Mexico (The Festival of Brotherhood) in October. Both will support our club's efforts to develop projects there. **Matt** is looking for volunteers.



Jeff



Matt

President Bill is looking for club members to join Engineers Without Borders for a water project in Peru. **President Bill** also is looking for members to join the Institute for Leaders. **Kerry Rego** has already signed up.

Janet Coddling announced that the Rotary Means Business group met last week with 40 people in attendance.

Past President Chris Parr Feldman announced the Membership Super Seminar being held August 21 at the Wells Fargo Center in Santa Rosa. **Past District Governor Mike Merrill** will be a presenter. Our club will pay the attendance fee of \$25 for our club members, up to 12 members. Contact **Chris** to sign up.

President Bill announced a form has been given to all Red Badgers which lists the tasks necessary to accomplish before getting a Blue Badge. In addition, all Red Badgers have to be on the clean-up crew after the Crab Feed.

Lidio Tropeano received his Blue Badge today. **President Bill** issued the Blue Badge with a \$10 fee! **Lidio**, having a temporary cashflow problem, had to issue an IOU!

Bill Fisher was asked to give a history of how our club got started in 1965 and how **Bill Fisher** became our First President. Apparently, the Downtown Club wanted to start another club in Santa Rosa and invited 29 men to attend several informational meetings. After deciding to form the Rotary Club of SR West, the 29 members collectively elected **Bill Fisher** (without even consulting with him)!



It's blue for Lidio



SRW's First President Bill

Recognition

President Bill recognized Sergeant-at-Arms **Gil Lucas & Gary Lucas** for doing such a good job of keeping our rowdy club members in line.

Ken Dansie was recognized for his outstanding attendance record! He was assessed \$25 for that achievement.

President Bill recognized the efforts of two Past District Governors in our club: **Mike Merrill & John Withers**.



Sergeants Gil & Gary



Ken

Raffle

Gary Lucas had the lucky ticket but retreated in dejection after his attempt to pull the black marble from the bag of 23 marbles. The pot was \$300.00. The second ticket selected was **Bob Zeni's**, who received a bottle of Albertina Cabernet wine.

Program: District Governor Jim Flamson visits Santa Rosa West Rotary

Past President David McDonald, now Asst. DG, introduced the **District Governor Jim Flamson**.



ADG David McDonald

David informed our club members of **DG Jim's** history and background in business and Rotary, which was quite impressive.

District Governor Jim's talk was unscripted and refreshing.

He and other members of his Calistoga Club created a Generator pin to give to members who generated the most enthusiasm for Rotary. Then **DG Jim** presented a Generator pin to our own **Chris Parr Feldman** who is our club's best cheerleader! **DG Jim** also recognized **Past President Jim Valinoti** for creating and maintaining such a terrific award winning website!



DG Jim



Generator Chris

DG Jim joined Rotary in 1976; his father was also a Rotarian in the Calistoga club. **DG Jim** talked about the Eradicating Polio Program which started in 1985. The 4 districts in Northern California have coordinated an "End Polio Now" Program which includes a walk across the Golden Gate Bridge with all participants getting a "End Polio Now" tee-shirt. On October 24, the Ferry Bldg in San Francisco will be lit-up to commemorate the event. He asked for our club members to participate.

DG Jim mentioned the RI Convention will be held next year in New Orleans. Hotel reservations can be made online on the [District 5130 website](#).

The Program presented by **DG Jim** was inspirational, interesting and colorful. The unscripted presentation truly came from the heart.

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